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## WHAT GOES ON?

A number of things are going on in Washington these days which lead observers there to wonder what the Kennedy administration is up to. Here's the latest on several items already reported plus a new one or two.

You will recall that the administration recently lifted the ban on communist propaganda coming into this country through the mails. Last year, this flood of propaganda from Red nations amounted to 14 or 15 million pieces. But the postal and

customs officials were able to stop a good deal of it. Now, under the new order, it is being increased by an additional million pieces. This is strictly a one-way street, because not more than a few thousand copies of American propaganda manage to get into the Red nations. The majority of this Red mail, much of it in the category of 'hate America' stuff, goes to children, students, nationality groups.

You may also recall that Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, two

months ago was subjected to censorship of a speech. It was reported at the time that the reason for clamping down on the Admiral was because he said the communists cannot be trusted, that their aim is to conquer the world. That, of course, is a well-known fact, but evidently our Chief of Naval Operations is supposed to keep it a secret. Now still another admiral - Rear Admiral Samuel B. Frankel, deputy director of Naval Intelligence - has felt the lash of censorship. He was forced to revise a speech in which he reportedly called attention to the manner in which American leaders were deluded when they held top-level meetings with the Soviet leaders. Does the administration possibly imagine it can make people believe that we

did not get the short end of the bargain every time we sat down with the Reds?

On top of all this, the State Department recently held one of its numerous briefing sessions. All sorts of people attend these briefings. But a representative of an organization called the American Coalition was refused permission to attend. This is actually a coalition of American patriotic societies and represents 100 civic, fraternal and patriotic groups. Their representative was not allowed to attend the State Department briefing but present at the briefing, big as life, was a representative of Americans for Democratic Action, the 'liberal'-leftist outfit which has really taken over socialist aims in the United States.

## ATTACK ON BUSINESS

Meantime high officials on the New Frontier, from the President down, seem to be preparing an all-out attack on, of all people, the American businessman. Evidently this will take the form of charges about 'economic rack-eteering' (those are young Attorney-General Bobby Kennedy's words), price-fixing,

monopoly, corruption, tax evasion and so on.

This is not to say that the laws against abuses in business should not be enforced. They should. But there is a difference between enforcing the law sanely and wisely, and using the law to carry on a vendetta against a particular segment of our society.

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Also, nobody claims that all businessmen are angels, any more than all labor leaders or politicians are angels. But we are now supposed to be faced with a big problem of unemployment. It is therefore very strange that a seemingly vindictive drive against that portion of the community — business and businessmen — which in the end provides all the jobs, should get under way at this particular time. Oldtimers in Washington recall that Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom the President regards as a sort of hero, managed to prolong the Great Depression by just such a drive against business. With all his government spending,

FDR was never able to put the unemployed back to work. And he kept our job-making machine — the private enterprise system — in such a state of uncertainty, turmoil and fear that it was prevented from natural recovery. Only the advent of World War II and our later involvement solved the unemployment problem for FDR.

There are Washington observers who have an explanation for this campaign by the New Frontiersmen against business. It is not a pretty explanation. In fact, it is a rather cynical one, but unfortunately they have a precedent for their analysis. It goes something like this. The New Frontier came into power with all sorts of dire forebodings about a depression. It also had a batch of welfare-state, government-spending schemes with two purposes behind them: (1) Supposedly to cure the much-touted depression or recession; (2) to increase and consolidate the power of the central government over the lives of the people. But the very slim margin by which Mr. Kennedy was elected has made it difficult to put over his program. And the so-called recession shows signs of petering out, at least for

the time being, so where is the need for all the government panaceas? According to this analysis, the drive against business provides a new villain to take the place of the vanishing recession. It might also prolong it a little - long enough to put over some of the program and at the same time swing part of the business community into line behind it through fear of government action.

As we said, that certainly is a very cynical view of these latest moves in Washington. But it would not be the first time something like this happened. During the banking crisis of 1933, for instance, Herbert Hoover who was then President, had a plan for dealing with the crisis. FDR had been elected but had not yet taken office.

## TERRIBLE FAILURE

On another important front - the education front - we have just had an amazing though unconscious confession of the appalling bankruptcy of 'progressive' or so-called modern education. This episode concerns New York City, but it also concerns every school district in the United States where the modern education-

Hoover tried to get him to cooperate on the plan. FDR refused. He wanted the whole thing to crash so that when he came into office he would look like a savior to the country. It did crash, and then FDR issued proclamations and put into effect plans which actually had been prepared by Mr. Hoover and his lieutenants. We do not say that Mr. Kennedy is now following somewhat the same pattern. We are simply reporting the interpretation put upon these recent moves by close observers in Washington. However, it is well to remember that the President is surrounded by certain types of men who believe the end justifies the means. And the end, in their case, is to put our economic system under complete government control.

ists have put over their weird methods of teaching (or rather, not teaching) your children to read.

For many years, the New York City public school system, under control of the modern educationists, has been using what is called the 'look-see' method of teaching reading. This is the method opposed to

oldfashioned phonics, by which youngsters were first taught the alphabet and the sounds of each letter and combination of letters. After a thorough grounding in phonics, nearly every second- and third-grader could sound out and read practically any word in our language. Then along came the 'look-see' boys - and today there are high-school graduates in college who still cannot read properly. Well, the New York City Superintendent of Schools is

angry because the city hesitates giving him money to hire a big batch of remedial reading teachers. What does he want them for? To teach *junior high school* pupils to read! There are 10,000 of them who can't read third-grade books. And 40 percent of the entire junior high school population are more than two years behind in reading. We eagerly await the modern educationists' latest explanation of this terrible failure of their system.

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 4/23/61*

## Book Review WILL TO RESIST

WHO WILL VOLUNTEER? (The Quemoy Story in Pictures) by Lyle H. Munson, 164 pages, *The Bookmailer*, N.Y., \$2.00.

*The Anthill*, reviewed in these pages last week, tells the story of Mao Tse-tung's slaves in Red China. WHO WILL VOLUNTEER tells the story of their free brothers who know what it is to live within bombing-range of Mao's guns. It is an amazing story of courage and valor - and it is told almost without words, in a series of remarkable photographs depicting the daily life of the free citizens on

the island of Quemoy which is only a stone's throw, or rather a gun's shot, from the Red Chinese mainland.

You can read this book in less than half an hour, but you will find yourself returning to it again and again - to watch fisherwomen collecting oysters on a Quemoy beach from which they can see the coast of Red China across the channel; youngsters playing in a modern schoolyard, or entering and emerging from bomb shelters which are a commonplace part of their lives; a rebuilt school with

a 20-inch concrete roof to withstand Red shells; below-ground libraries. But look for yourself - there are dozens upon dozens of these extraordinary photographs which Mr. Munson travelled around Quemoy to get. His accompanying text is brief, even stark in its simplicity, but the combined effect is one of deep pride and deep shame.

The pride is in the ability of these simple Free Chinese to withstand nearly 800,000 Red artillery shells that have fallen on their island, and in the inspiration they give to free men everywhere that all that is necessary to the defeat of communism is the will to resist it.

The shame is for comfortable and well-fed leaders in London and Washington and the

United Nations who, in the name of a meaningless 'peace' would relinquish this tiny island to the tender mercies of Mao's Reds. From thence comes Mr. Munson's title: Would these Western leaders volunteer to trade places with the people of Quemoy? Or as a 17-year-old schoolboy on Quemoy asked: 'Since the shells hit only us, why should the Americans give in to Mao?'

You will not soon forget the story told in these pictures. Neither, perhaps, would the compromising leaders if they could be made to see and understand. Why not therefore, after you have had your fill of this inspiring story-in-pictures, send them your copies of the book?

- Rosalie Gordon

## AN OUNCE OF TRUTH

"Apparently most of the people in Latin America believe the oft-repeated lie that of the total U.S. corporate income available for owners and workers, the owners get 80 percent and labor only 20 percent. As every informed person knows, after the deduction of all other expenses, owners get a little more than 11 percent and labor a little less than 89 percent of what is left. Instead of owners getting four times as much as the total paid to labor, labor gets  $7\frac{1}{2}$  times as much as the total paid to owners.

"The communists and socialists have flooded the world with this falsehood. Millions of pamphlets printed in many languages have been circulated everywhere.

"By their cunning and persistent false propaganda, the communists have deceived most of the people in this world, have conquered about half of it, have badly infiltrated the other half and unless their falsehoods are exploded bid fair to take it all.

"The above error is widely believed in our own country. It has been stated repeatedly in the U.S. Congress...Members of the cabinets of Presidents have been deceived by it...

"Every newspaper and magazine in the land should proclaim the truth regarding the division of income as between owners and labor. It should be proclaimed from every platform and broadcasting station. Pamphlets in the tens of millions in all languages should proclaim it to the peoples of the world. This one thing would probably put an end to anti-United States sentiment in Latin America and elsewhere and would deliver a body blow to socialism and communism from which it would not recover. An ounce of truth will destroy a ton of false propaganda."

- CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS

## UP FROM LIBERALISM

A paperback edition of William F. Buckley, Jr.'s **UP FROM LIBERALISM** (see AF 10/16/59), a stinging analysis of 'liberals' and 'liberalism,' is now available at \$.75 per copy. It carries an introduction by Barry Goldwater. The hardcover edition at \$3.50 per copy is also still available.

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"We can do everything possible to encourage federal intervention in the financing of medical costs on a bit-by-bit basis. And, we can work to direct such intervention so that if it isn't socialized medicine proper, at least it paves the way for socialized medicine." - *from a pamphlet issued by the SOCIALIST PARTY*

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